

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 30, 2017

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 30, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Ray Nelson, Councilmembers Linda McCraw, Eddy Campbell, Jason Cowart, Cedric Wilson and Jerry Nichols. Also present were Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp, and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Bobby Avant.

Mayor Ray Nelson announced a quorum was present and the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

1. LaTere Jones – Air Evac Lifeteam

Mr. LaTere Jones of Air Evac Lifeteam appeared before the Council. Mr. Jones stated there are now more than 31 cities that have contracted with Air Evac to provide medical flight services for their citizens. He stated the Air Evac contract with the City would cover any individual who resides within the boundaries of the City when they are transported for medical necessity by Air Evac Lifeteam. The contract also covers all City employees, regardless of whether they reside in the city or county. The annual fee for Air Evac Lifeteam to provide these services is \$18,970.00. Councilmember Wilson moved the City enter into a one year contact with Air Evac Lifeteam to provide medical air flight services for the citizens and employees of the City for the amount of \$18,970.00 and for the funds to pay the fee to come from the Centurytel franchise fee fund. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Campbell moved the minutes of the regular council meetings held on April 25, 2017, and May 9, 2017, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-07

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2017-07 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2017-07 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2017-07
A RESOLUTION CONCERNING 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALABAMA'S
STATEHOOD

WHEREAS, the United States Congress created the Alabama Territory from the eastern half of the Mississippi Territory on March 3, 1817; and,

WHEREAS, by 1819, the birth and growth of cities, towns and communities in the Alabama Territory ensured that the population of the Territory had developed sufficiently to achieve the minimum number of inhabitants required by Congress to qualify for Statehood; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and President James Monroe approved Statehood for the Alabama Territory on December 14, 1819, making it the nation's twenty-second stated; and,

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature approved a resolution in 2013 establishing the Alabama Bicentennial Commission to mark the 200th anniversary of Statehood; and

WHEREAS, constitutional officers and other officials appointed Commission members to organize and execute a bicentennial celebration intended to improve the education and understanding of all Alabamians and visitors regarding the State's history and heritage; and to create and promote lasting initiatives designed to benefit the State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the bicentennial period of reflection and commemoration, 2017 to 2019, has been divided into three thematic years to acknowledge distinctly; the environment, both natural and constructed, including especially the cities, town, and communities which compose the State; the people, regardless of race, culture, or background; and the history, both ancient and recent, of the State of Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, commemorations and celebrations will enable and encourage Alabamians of all ages and backgrounds, together with visitors, to experience Alabama's rich cultural, historic, and natural resources, thereby stimulating the economy of Alabama through local economic growth; and

WHEREAS, full participation and contributory efforts by the localities of the State, through their various councils, committees, and congregations, are paramount to the success of this historic endeavor; and

WHEREAS, participation in Alabama's bicentennial is a unique opportunity to celebrate and uplift the State during this historic time;

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Fayette, that by this action, they endorse the efforts of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission and hereby resolve to aid the Alabama Bicentennial Commission in promoting, planning, and executing the Commission's historic, educational, celebratory, and cultural initiatives by forming or supporting a Community Celebration Committee to observe and commemorate the bicentennial of the State of Alabama.

Adopted this the 30th day of May, 2017.

THE CITY OF FAYETTE

By: _____
Its Mayor

Attest:

By: _____
Its City Clerk

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council adopt Resolution 2017-07. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously adopted.

HOUSING ABATEMENT BOARD

City Engineer Dewayne Roby informed the Council the Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board had determined the below described buildings were unsafe to the extent that they created a public nuisance and had notified the owners of the buildings the nuisances should be abated. He said the time had run for the nuisances to be abated and they had not been. After a general discussion, Councilmember Wilson moved a public hearing be set for June 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., to determine the extent the below listed properties create a public nuisance and require further action by the City to abate. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols the same was unanimously approved.

1. Building located at:
450 3rd Street NW
Fayette, AL 35555

Assessed for ad valorem tax to:
Laura Mae Madison Estate
Lesley Madison
450 3rd Street NW
Fayette, AL 35555

2. Building located at:
2123 7th Avenue SW
Fayette, AL 35555

Assessed for ad valorem tax to:
Jason Eric Shepherd
419 Burns Road
Columbus, MS 39702

RESOLUTION 2017-05

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2017-05 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2017-05 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2017-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama that the City enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the upgrading of equipment and operation and maintenance of traffic control signals within the City of Fayette, to-wit:

- AL 18 @ Temple Ave N
- AL 18 @ 1st Ave SE
- AL 18 @ AL 171
- AL 18 @ 6th Ave SE
- AL 171 @ 2nd Street NE

- AL 171 @ 3rd Street NE
- AL 171 @ 4th Street NE
- AL 171 @ 10th Street NE
- AL 171 @ 15th Street NW
- AL 171 @ 16th Street NW
- AL 171 @ Bevill State/25th St

Which agreement is before the Council and that the agreement be executed in the name of the City, by the Mayor for and on behalf of the City and that it be attested by the City Clerk and the seal of the City affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept of record by the City Clerk.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of May, 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Wilson moved the Council adopt Resolution 2017-05. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously adopted.

UPDATE ON TRACTOR PURCHASE

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reported the new John Deere 5100M Utility Tractor cost \$39,472.54 when purchased off of the state bid list. After the trade in of the 1996 John Deere for \$2,500.00 and 2010 Massey Ferguson for \$6,000.00, the City will pay \$30,972.54 for the new tractor.

SEWER REPAIR QUARTERLY REPORT

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reviewed with the Council the Sewer Summary Report for January thru April 2017. There were 12 sewer problem calls in January; 11 in February; 3 in March and 5 in April.

MAYOR'S MIDYEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Nelson presented his midyear financial report to the Council.

Reserves and Cash Balances as of April 30, 2017

Reserves

\$806,415.00	Citizens Bank CD	Unrestricted
\$549,684.00	WW Operating Account	Restricted (\$9,175 WW Upgrades/Bond payment from WW)
\$332,190.00	Citizens Bank CD	Unrestricted
\$396,603.00	Alabama Power CD	General Fund backup – Unrestricted
\$ 88,519.00	Alcohol Tax	Restricted to Paving projects
\$172,400.00	Capital Improvement	Restricted for Capital needs
\$50,024.00	Cigarette Tax	Unrestricted
\$121,508.00	State Gas Tax/ W AL Bank	Restricted
\$33,696.00	Gasoline Tax/ W AL Bank	Restricted/\$3,800 per month DT paving/added to bond
\$36,027.00	Airport funds	
\$38,839.00	Capital Equipment Fund	Restricted to Capital Equipment
\$116,000.00	Rental Property tax	Unrestricted
\$394,393.00	Savings – AL Credit Union	Unrestricted
\$110,261.00	Park & Recreation/Earl McDonald	Restricted
\$15,983.00	Municipal Court	Restricted
\$16,849.00	Aquatic Park	Restricted
\$30,239.00	Christmas in the Park	Restricted
\$4,535.00	Fire Department	Restricted
\$97,136.00	Customer Deposits	Restricted
\$10,697.00	Leadership Fayette County	Restricted
<u>\$218,528.00</u>	FMC Appropriation	Restricted

\$3,740,226.00 – subtotal

Cash balances

\$358,598.00	General Fund	Unrestricted
\$ 95,225.00	Other General Funds & PARA	Unrestricted
<u>\$708,467.00</u>	Grants, Bonds, Notes	Restricted
\$1,162,290.00		– subtotal

\$4,902,516.00 – TOTAL OF RESERVES AND CASH BALANCES AS OF April 30, 2017

2016-2017 General Fund Note Payments Each Month

\$1,299.00	Brush Truck Payment (Balance \$20,794)
\$8,567.00	Aquatic Park Bond Payment
\$4,223.00	AmFund Bond/IP Property & Renovate PO
\$1,414.00	Police Cars (Two) (Balance \$31,098)
\$1,250.00	Brush Truck/Citizens Bank (Balance \$55,188)
\$16,753.00	Total General Fund Notes per Month

2016-2017 Reserve Fund Note Payments Each Month

\$7,908.00	WW Facility Upgrades/Bond Payment from Wastewater
\$10,756.00	Lazy River addition (Balance \$240,390)
\$1,896.00	Garbage Truck (Balance 65,013)
\$8,717.00	Street Paving/Alcohol tax (Balance Paid off May 12, 2017)
\$29,277.00	Total Reserve Fund Notes per Month

\$20,560.00 After May 31, 2017

Average Monthly Note Payments (General Fund & Reserve Fund) Total - \$46,030.00

After 5/31/17 Totals = \$37,313.00

Sales Tax 2016- 2017

October	\$248,818.00
November	\$252,388.00
December	\$246,582.00
January	\$312,310.00
February	\$214,038.00
March	\$248,705.00
April	\$264,324.00

Alcohol Taxes 2016-2017

October	\$8,225.00
November	\$8,502.00
December	\$5,181.00
January	\$8,022.00
February	\$6,525.00
March	\$8,313.00
April	\$7,636.00

MOTION FOR NEW STREET LIGHT

Mayor Nelson reported a request had been received to place a new street light on 5th Avenue NE near the football stadium. After a general discussion, Councilmember Campbell moved to install a street light at 334 5th Avenue NE near the residence of Shirley Miller Vickey. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Cowart moved the City’s financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Campbell moved the Park & Recreation financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER NICHOLS

Councilmember Nichols reported on the Aquatic Center’s opening weekend. He stated there were 400 in attendance on Saturday and 170 in attendance on Sunday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Dale Lawrence requested the Council go into executive session to discuss preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade and commerce in which the governmental body is in competition with private entities or other governmental bodies. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council go into executive session for the purpose stated by the City Attorney. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council come out of executive session. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made by Councilmember Cowart and seconded by Councilmember McCraw, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk